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(54) **UNIT FOR STERILIZING A WEB OF
PACKAGING MATERIAL FOR A MACHINE
FOR PACKAGING POURABLE FOOD
PRODUCTS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

There is described a unit for sterilizing a web of packaging
material advanced along a given path, having, along a longi-
tudinal portion thereof, a succession of pre-applied opening
devices and adapted to be transformed in a plurality of sealed
packages containing a pourable food product; the unit com-
prises a bath, containing a sterilizing agent in which the web
with the opening devices is advanced, and an aseptic chamber
connected to an outlet of the bath and housing drying mecha-
nism for removing residual sterilizing agent from the web; the
drying mechanism comprise an ejector located at a distance
from the outlet of the bath and configured so as to direct a
stream of air transversally to the web and onto the longitu-
dinal portion of the web provided with the opening devices.

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